

Brooklyn City Council Finance Committee
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci

ABSENT: None

Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2018 Finance Comm. mtg.

MOTION by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to approve.

VOTE: To approve: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci. **APPROVED**

-Ord. #2018-74 (3rd Reading/Adoption): Amending Section 539.21 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn to eliminate outright prohibition of begging in parks and playgrounds.

MOTION by Pucci, second by Paulitzky to recommend Council adopt.

VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci. **RECOMMENDED**

-Ord. #2018-75 (3rd Reading/Adoption): Authorizing an Amended Job Retention and Creation Grant Agreement with Inogen, Inc.

MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Pucci to recommend Council adopt.

VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci. **RECOMMENDED**

-Res. #2018-8 (1st Reading): Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Cuyahoga County General Health District for Health Services for the years 2019 and 2020. The cost for 2019 will be \$52,941 and \$60,871 for 2020. **FIRST READING**

-Res. #2018-9 (1st Reading): Requesting the County Fiscal Officer to advance taxes from the proceeds of the 2018 Tax Levies pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34.

FIRST READING

Service Dir. Verba: Said he was contacted by our salesman from Best Equipment, and he has a truck similar to the one we just authorized purchasing, with an additional \$14,000 worth of options, that we can choose to receive ASAP. Everything on it is spec'd out the same as what we were ordering, with the additions. We wouldn't have to wait until next year to get it if we accept this one. Councilwoman Pucci asked the delivery time for it. Dir. Verba said it will be in No. Royalton tomorrow and he will take a look at it. We would have to adjust appropriations. He listed the additional options.

Finance Dir. Raguz: Referenced an e-mail he had sent to Council, which includes a purchasing memo from Law. Dir. Butler. This will be further discussed in the October work session. He also said there will be coming finance items for review. Councilwoman Pucci asked about RITA. He said he contacted RITA and will be speaking with them to get information. They usually get the information out in third quarter. He will call in November for further conversation; he'll be working with them on an estimate. Councilwoman Pucci asked if we were firm on the work session dates; he said they are.

Mayor Gallagher: Informed that the city received zero percent increase for healthcare for next year, and that Dir. Raguz is working on the following year. -Dir. Raguz is working with all directors on the budget. She said she had asked Council back in May for any feedback to discuss items they're interested in. -She would like to see cleaning up at the area near the Linndale bridge (lighting, painting, landscaping...) Said Councilman Celcherts has been working with Keep Ohio Beautiful (the membership of which is paid for by the Ohio EPA), and there is a grant available from Sherwin

Williams for painting. Councilman Celcherts said he's spoken with someone on lighting already. Mayor Gallagher said she'd like to mirror similar to what Linndale did on their side, it looks nice. She needs to speak with Mr. Gonzalez who owns the property in that location. -Dir. Raguz and she met with Right Stuff for electronic payroll for the city; they think it would be beneficial for the city. -Firefighter Brady Cribbs' position needs to be refilled (he's still on the payroll, but also he is off/medical). Someone right now is going through his physical (currently a part-time Firefighter), and if he passes she plans on appointing him. -Councilman Van Kirk noted the bridge by Linndale he believes is owned by the railroad; Mayor Gallagher said yes, but they will be fine with what we would do. -She said the supplemental grant program (which has a public hearing tonight before Council mtg.) has nothing fixed yet. She would like to pursue a grant for our residents for exterior property maintenance. The city would match funding, and give priority for those with violations. The grant doesn't have a low/moderate requirement, but she would like to assist those who cannot afford the cost for it on their own. We can implement the program and get rid of it all in one year. It could help give residents a push, and possibly even assist with small projects (stairs, aprons, sidewalks...) The grant comes to the city, and the city disperses it to the resident. The resident could apply. We would apply, for example, for a \$50,000 grant and the city can match the \$50,000. Councilwoman Ryan Shockey said she hears from residents when talking that they notice other residents taking care of their properties, and it pushes others to try. The Mayor said we can even offer to rentals if owner lives in Brooklyn elsewhere. Councilwoman Pucci asked if there would be income guidelines; the Mayor said no, but she would like to see priority given (to lower income to make it worthwhile.)

Budget work session meeting times were reminded: Oct. 29th (with Directors) and Nov. 19th at 6 p.m. Notices will be sent out.

There being no further business:

MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk Paulitzky, Pucci. **ADJOURNED**

Mary-Jo Banish, Clerk of Council

Date approved: 10.22.18